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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 20, 2001 FINAL OFFICE ACTION
AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the December 20, 2001 Final Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the December 20, 2001 Final Office Action was originally due March 20, 2002. Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time for responding to the December 20, 2001 Final Office Action. Small entity status has previously been established and is still applicable. The required fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$460.00), a check for which is enclosed. Thus, a response to the December 20, 2001 Final Office Action is now due June 20, 2002. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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